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ABUSE CONTROL FOR 1973

REF: CAVANAUGH/WIGGINS TELECON 2/7/74

1. CANADIAN MISSION TO UN ISSUED FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE,
SUBJECT AS ABOVE, ON FEB 5, 1974.

"U.N. FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL

A CONTRIBUTION OF \$200,000 WAS GIVEN TO SECRETARY-
GENERAL KURT WALDHEIM TODAY AS PART OF CANADA'S ONGOING
SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE
CONTROL THE CHEQUE WAS PRESENTED BY CANADA'S AMBASSADOR
AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS,
DR. SAUL F. RAE.

IN MAKING TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENT, THE HONOURABLE
MARC LALONDE, MINISTER OF NATIONAL HEALTH AND WELFARE,
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EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE TO CANADA OF SUPPORTING THE

UNITED NATIONS FUND. "CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES ARE CURRENTLY BEARING THE BRUNT OF THE ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN NARCOTIC DRUGS AND, THEREFORE, ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE TO STEM THE FLOW OF SUCH DRUGS INTO NORTH AMERICA WILL BENEFIT CANADIANS. THE U.N. FUND IS ONE OF THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF SUPPORTING THIS OBJECTIVE," THE MINISTER SAID.

TODAY'S GRANT PAYMENT BRINGS CANADA'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE U.N. FUND TO \$600,000 DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS. CANADA HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE U.N. COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1946. THE U.N. FUND FOR DRUG ABUSE CONTROL WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1970. SINCE THAT TIME CANADA HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING GRANTS TO THE FUND: \$150,000 IN 1971, \$250,000 IN 1972, AND TODAY'S \$200,000 FOR 1973.

THE MINISTER SAID THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT, IN RESPONSE TO A STRONG PLEA MADE ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MEMBERS OF THE U.N. COMMISSION, HAS COMMITTED \$200,000 EACH YEAR THROUGH TO FISCAL 1975-76, FOR A TOTAL COMMITMENT OF \$1,000,000. THIS WILL ENABLE THE U.N. FUND TO PLAN FOR THE CONTINUATION OF CURRENT PROJECTS AND INITIATIVE FUTURE PROJECTS.

THE U.N. FUND ASSISTS MEMBER COUNTRIES TO COMBAT ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC BY REPLACING THE CULTIVATION OF PLANTS FROM WHICH SUCH DRUGS ARE PRODUCED, BY CONDUCTING TRAINING FOR SENIOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AND ALSO CONDUCTING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES TO REVIEW PROGRAMS OF DRUG ABUSE EDUCATION."

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